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gation and the attempts to solve the race-problem; the negro as an economic factor under conditions most favorable for his efficiency on the black-belt plantation; the influence for social tranquillity of separating the economic and hence the social spheres of black and white; the negro in politics—such are some of the topics discussed. The inference to be drawn from the general drift of the book is that hope for the future of the negro depends on his ability to make a place for himself and so fill it that he shall be recognized as pre-eminently appropriate for his place. Apparently the author sees little prospect of such an achievement.

Professor Willcox's contributions include his papers on "Negro Criminality" and "The Probable Increase of the Negro Race in the United States."

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*The Fate of Iciodorum*, being the Story of a City made Rich by Taxation.

By DAVID STARR JORDAN. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 1909. 16mo., pp. xi+III.

This little book presents again to the public the keen derision of protectionism which Dr. Jordan first published more than twenty years ago in his magazine article entitled "The Octroi at Issoire." The tale is a fanciful story of the microcosmic growth of a protective system at the gates of a French provincial town. Its allegory traces prophetically, with light touch and a sting of irony, the way in which the burden of protectionism piles itself up and brings with it extortion at home and "dumping" abroad; the combination of workers and employers on either side of the widening economic gulf between them; and the pressure for reform by a socialistic paternalism of the state. It is superfluous to say that what Dr. Jordan writes is good reading.

If the purpose of the book is to reform the fatuous protectionist it may very possibly be disappointed; for the protectionists have abundantly proven to us by their continued activity and arguments that they are without a sense of humor. But critics of protection will be glad to meet protectionist argument in such peculiarly delicious form; and perhaps persons not yet committed to either side of the tariff question may find in the little story a saving measure of enlightenment.

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*The Shipping World Year Book, 1909.* Edited by E. R. JONES. London: Shipping World Office, 1909. 8vo, pp. 1557. 7s.

The Year Book for 1909 includes the usual features of directory of the world's commercial ports, legislation affecting maritime interests, and tariffs of all countries. The last feature makes it a convenient and up-to-date reference book for any questions of fact as to foreign tariffs raised in the present tariff controversy.

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*Industrial Insurance in the United States.* By CHARLES R. HENDERSON. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1909. 8vo, pp. viii+429. \$2.00.

This volume is substantially a translation of the author's *Die Arbeiter-Versicherung in den Vereinigten Staaten von Nord-Amerika* which appeared in Dr. Zacher's series and was reviewed in the April, 1908, issue of this journal.